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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS #117

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FRIDAY

ANNOUNCER: And now - "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers" -

ORCHESTRA: WINTER - PIANO SONG



ANNOUNCER: Now we take you to the National Forest where Rangers Jim Robbins and his young assistant, Jerry Quick, are managing and protecting your Forest resources. Each year more and more people use the National Forests, and in order that these forests may adequately serve the public, improvements of many kinds are necessary. The building of roads, trails, telephone lines, bridges, and other structures is an important part of the Forest Ranger's duties. Because the construction of improvements in remote mountainous forests frequently involves areas that are not in thickly populated areas, Uncle Sam's Rangers have found it necessary to be extremely resourceful in working out road construction and transportation problems.

This has been a very busy week in the Five Crowd District, for Rangers Jim and Jerry. With the aid of the Civilian Conservation Corps and other improvement work crews, the Rangers expect to get roads and trails, bridges and campgrounds in the Sawtooth Mountain region. Yesterday Jerry and Jim, the packer, brought a string of pack mules from Windy Creek over the Windy Mountain trail to the Blue Lake Road. They stayed there last night, waiting for Jim, who is on his way up with a load of equipment to the Forest Service truck. Here they are —



JERRY: That looks like the Forest Service truck coming up the road, now, Slim.

SLIM: Sure 'nuff - An' we ain't had no breakfast yet --

JERRY: (LAUGHS) Think you'll have to go to work without anything to eat, do you?

SLIM: Well, I know Jim ain't gonna want to hang around here very long waitin' on us. (SIZZLE OF TRYING BACON) This son belly's 'bout done, anyway -

SOUND OF TRUCK RUMBLING CLOSER

JERRY: You pour out the coffee, Slim - and see if you can find some bread to wrap around this bacon - I'll go out to the road and meet Jim --

SLIM: Sure 'nuff - (SONGS A TUNE)

JERRY: (OFF - CALLS) Hi there, Jim -

TRUCK COMES TO A STOP

JIM: (OFF) Well Jerry, are you all set?

JERRY: You bet we're ready, Jim - looks like you have a full truck - how are you?

JIM: Fine as silk, where's Slim?

JERRY: He's here - right now he's wrestlin' with the coffee pot.

JIM: Well, I guess we can drive the truck over there - at least I wanna get 'er off this road - hop in, Jerry -

JERRY: You bet. (SOUND OF TRUCK FOR A MOMENT. STOPS)

JIM: There we are. Hope we're comin' over, Jerry!

JERRY: Not a bit, Jim - we've got a bumpy mile in the outfit, and Slim seems to know how to handle her --



JIM: That's good - I reckon Slim - him - smells pretty good.  
SLIM: Mornin' to yourself, Jim - want a cup coffee?  
JIM: Sure thing.  
SLIM: Gimme that cup, Jerry - here. There you are, Jim.  
JERRY: How about my bacon, Slim?  
SLIM: I got it right here.  
JIM: Huh - haven't you had breakfast yet?  
JERRY: Not yet, Jim. You are, we had to clean out of the saloon  
this morning, and - oh....  
JIM: Well - my Slim, this coffee isn't half bad --  
SLIM: Sure. I kin make Java all right.  
JERRY: Jim said it isn't half bad! I guess that means it's all  
bad --  
SLIM: Huh -- say, that's darn good coffee.  
JIM: (CHUCKLING) Anyway Jerry don't seem to have any trouble  
putting it away --  
JIM: No indeed. Well, hurry it along now, boys. As soon as  
you finish that coffee I wanna begin unloading this truck  
JERRY: (WITH MOUTHFUL) Right away, Jim.  
JIM: This is going to be a bigger job than you think. Some  
of this stuff is pretty bulky -  
SLIM: 'Lame, I reckon that ole mule me and Jerry drove up here  
yesterday kin stand some work - 'course ole critter --







STAN: Oh, I'll get you no place off except I recommend them  
 trying some where long enough to let you get a few more  
 people in because we could a fire in or burn'd it out so  
 (speaking) all over the country is too difficult, but just  
 the same three items graded right the right shape to you're  
 a mule - 84, no horse, mule, (SHAFS 1016)

STAN: (CONTINUED) They didn't goin' to be in the market off 14, at least  
 until you'll as try the experience with these long hauls  
 I'll say - Come up here, down I - you know a horse  
 probably can't keep up because these loads - these horses  
 won't see to the purpose -

STAN: Now - they're as good as your horses if you'll get right  
 (CONTINUED) Just like a government horse, 84m.

STAN: Oh -

STAN: But less in the skin - horses 1000 miles -  
 don't wear, and feed -

STAN: See a horse like this that's like, thirty-  
 thousand miles, in there no more, comes off market - and  
 I think have to double it that's twice hold, when we didn't  
 dipping -

STAN: Well, now this is passed - there's 100 miles of goodness, I don't  
 know - no tracks, fine - 84m to pack the mules, I don't  
 know - I don't investigate anything like this - on the  
 only place back - 84 - have never somebody  
 there - because it's 100 miles -

STAN: Just a horse, I -



TIME: (chuckles) Rowdy, crimson.

SIMONE: Rowdy to you -

TIME: Ain't lost, are you?

SIMONE: Hardly - just kicking around these parts -

TIME: Oh - I see - Well, you've picked a good region, old street. It might pretty this time of the year,

SIMONE: Hey, I like it. See, I've got the Forest Ranger for hire (she laughs)

TIME: (chuckles) That's the way I like it. We don't do the hawks - I thought you was a Forest Service uniform you're wearing - do you mind if I make a complaint about your deport?

TIME: That's as you say, crimson.

SIMONE: Well, I've been carrying these pamphlets around here for the past five years - never received a job I could be hired - to ride - or this -

TIME: Yes. That's fine - The Paul Dene District is forty, I think, to walk in - or fly in - as long as you have a suitable license -

SIMONE: So, I get that all right - but before we part - I think you ought to have another mail up to this last - going back from Big Sausagey - and some surface oilers -

TIME: (chuckles) You do, girl? You think you're good measure?

SIMONE: What do you mean?

TIME: Well, I ought just about what you're thinkin' as do -

SIMONE: Is just right.



JIM: Yes, the improvement plan for this year includes a trail from Bald Mountain Lookout station - that's northeast of Blue Lake -

HIKER: Oh yes, I know -

JIM: Well, the trail will end at Blue Lake. Then we're going to improve the Blue Lake campground and work on the old road from Blue Lake through Snow Drift Pass.

HIKER: That's great, but I hope you don't do too much to the Blue Lake campground - it will bring in too many people to fish - just I saw just some shelter cabins - you see I belong to the Tip Top Mountain Climbing Club -

JIM: Oh you belong to the Tip Tops, eh? Did you read the letter I sent to the club - last month?

HIKER: No - no, I don't guess I did. Ranger - I've been out of town and didn't get to the last club meeting --

JIM: Well, you know your club wanted me to build a trail along the Sawtooth Range?

HIKER: Sure thing. In fact I was on task committee to petition for the development - wilder and prettier country in those parts -

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Then I reckon you'd be interested in knowing what the Forest Service thought about your suggestions.

HIKER: I sure would.



JIM: Well, the Forest Service has added the trail to its improvement plan for this year because they feel making this wild high country accessible to hikers it will tie together the trail system on each side of the range --

JERRY: Sounds pretty good --

JIM: The plan includes establishing a couple of trailside cabins, about a day's hike apart - then you follow one up the hill all the time - the rangers have to get over those trails every so often too.

JERRY: Hey - I guess I kinda books you soon --

(OFF) All ready, Jim --

JIM: I'll be with you in a minute, Jerry - so you rangers are going to find things pretty nice all right, when we get through. The cabin will be put up just below timber line so you followers can get wood and water --

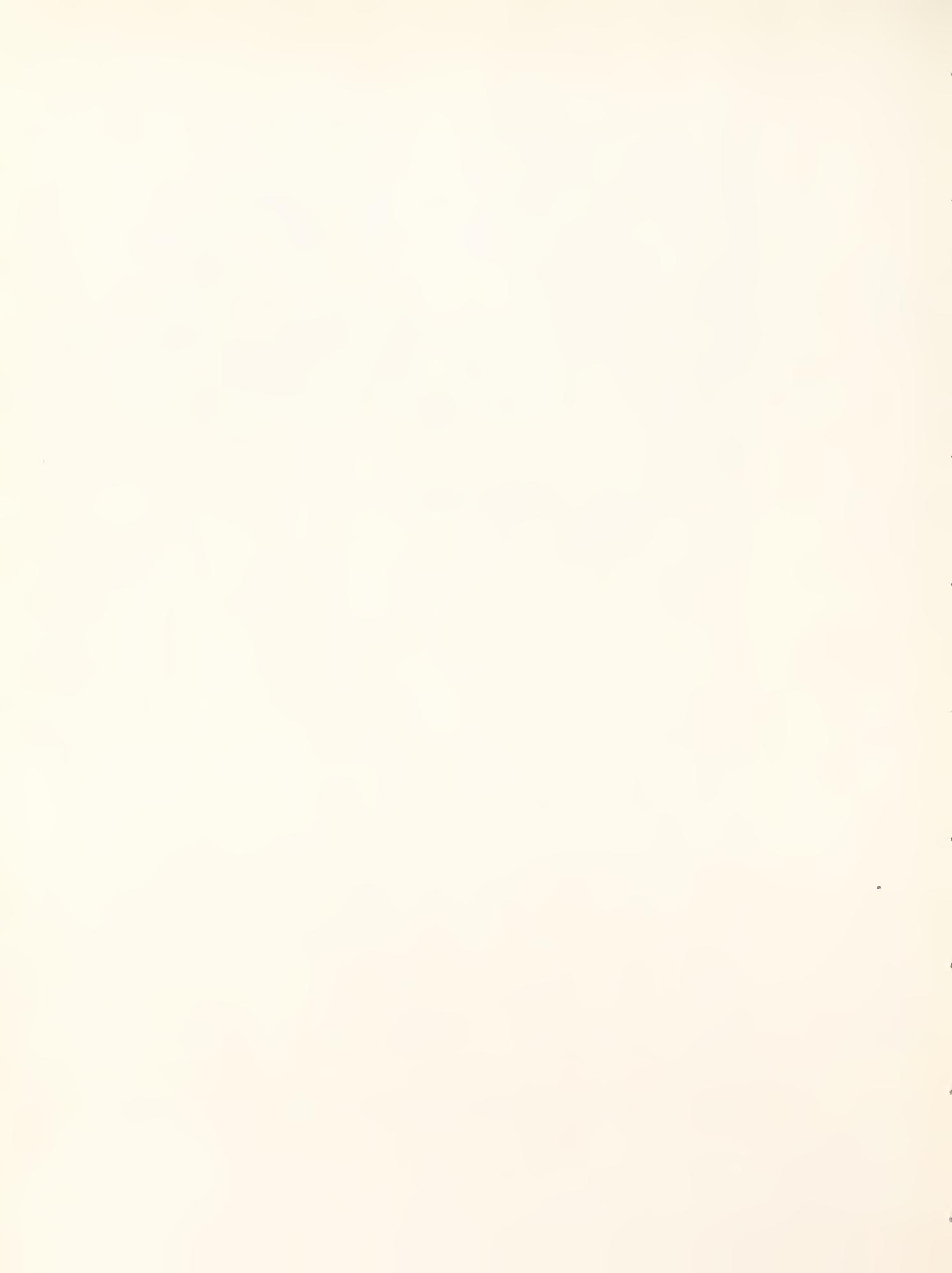
JERRY: Gosh, Ranger, that's good stuff - we're pretty scattered up here - and I know lots of people are going to enjoy that new trail.

JIM: Well, we wanted to get some improvements in up there years ago but we didn't have the funds, but now with the help of the CCC we're getting quite a few things done.

JERRY: Gosh we start on, Jim!

JIM: Oh pardon me, Ranger - I didn't know you were working up there.

JIM: Well, I guess the supplies got the pack mules loaded.



SIEER: Go right ahead, Ranger - and I gonna a list for taking the time to - (LAUGHS) Well listen to me while I get this stick off my chest --

JIM: Perfectly all right sister - you're always glad to listen to anyone who's interested in our forest - and I'm to you.

SIEER: (GOING OFF) Thank's - come to you.

JIM: All right, Jerry - ready to go, Slim?

JERRY: Ready and waiting.

SLIM: (GRUMBLING) Sure. I thought they say we gonna keep talking all day. You hurry on along without nothing but a swallow of breakfast, so then you spend a half an hour talkin' to that guy.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Sure, only a couple of minutes, Slim. I promise we can always take time to be with to folks who are nice to us - Well, let's get on our way, boys - You gonna lead the way, Slim?

SLIM: Yeah (CHUCKLES) Come on, milks!

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Let 'er go!

FADE OUT WITH SOUND OF HORSES AND MULES TAKING UP TRAIL.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

FADE IN WITH SOUND OF HORSES ON TRAIL.

SLIM: (JPI) She's a ridin' OK so far - Jim --

JERRY: Don't go hollerin' too soon, Slim. We haven't hit the worst part of the trail yet.

JIM: Look at that ole peak up there & minin' in the sun - Jerry, when we get this new trail worked out - it'll be a dandy paradise,



JAMES: Fine, you think like that country up there, doesn't your  
JIM: (CONTINUES) like it - now, I content trade it for all  
the physiography and places in the world -

PAUSE - SOUND OF HORSES UP

JERRY: (SCOUTS) Look - hold on there, millet (crosses road) See,  
these long rounds we got packed in look like you'll do as  
well on a narrow trail.  
JIM: Sure, they don't, rather like 'em less rope. Jerry,  
that's it.

SOMEONE STAYS AWAY

JAMES: Jerry! Some time - All I gotta say is where you're  
going you're taking a few extra pounds. Jim, remember -  
JIM: Well, we've got a mighty good trail here to pay up like this  
JERRY: Yeah, I know. We'll need a good crew. We've got machine  
trucks you know improving that road. That road back  
there'll be as bad as the falcon, not last made the Devil  
road in there. They'll be bugs here bad enough standin'  
you down the prospectin' -  
JIM: You - last road we took built during the early days of  
the gold rush -  
JAMES: I guess they're about. The road is just about impassable  
now -  
JIM: Sorry about the sheepherd. They wouldn't let any more in -  
begin sweep meadow down hill pasture time.  
JERRY: See - I don't see how they do it. I wonder how  
most of the old prospectors could stand up that hard on  
something above like sheep wall -



JIM: (CONT'D) Who's the one tortoise driver you mentioned?

JERRY: (LAUGHS) I guess I'm the guy. Answer the old timer didn't have no grader or lawyer to pass around - so, I - know if that switchback will get around?

JIM: Who - (HORSES STOP) You - that's the one I'm lead waiting for.

JERRY: You're plenty smart, all right. If one of the mules goes the end of those boards into the bank there, it'll knock 'em right over the cliff.

JIM: Yea. If we do get the pack string near this place we'll be sitting pretty, we'll have to lead the mules around that switchback - the ones that've got the loose end there. (CALS) Hold up, Slim -

SLIM: I'll drive the rest of the animals up there, Jim.

JIM: All right Slim, you do it alone. Hee, Jerry - You hold this critter so she won't follow.

(SLIM) Come on, Jim - all alone - (SOUND OF HORSES ON TRAIL GOING OFF)

JERRY: Whoa, there, whoa - you won't come follow my time.

JIM: (CALS) All right, Slim.

SLIM: (CALS) Whoa - whoa 'er now. (MUSK PROPS OFF)

JIM: (CALS) Come back back here, Slim, and lead this animal north up. Jerry, you all handle your critter. Whoa horse do you have, somebody else will - stand.

JERRY: Watch it - not to lead the mules, Jerry.

JIM: Dangerous road it won't be, but it's a drop down that would











RADEOUT WITH SOUND OF HORSES AND SULES ON TRAIL.

ANNOUNCER: Well, a treacherous trail, and a heavy load of buckles and crates and other supplies don't stop Ranger Jim and Jerry; and we're going to get a new trail built and camping facilities improved in the National Forests.

Next week at this time we shall again visit the Pine Cone District again. This program is a presentation of the National Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the United States Forest Service.

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